

Cove Clean-up Day

The rain storms passed around us and the sun shown during the 6 hours of the Cove Cleanup Day on April 21. A record number of people got involved some bringing in their trash--some helping sort and load the trucks that would haul the items away. Others collected large items from people who needed help and many people walked the streets and roads picking up litter.

Five dump truck loads of metal, two flatbeds of appliances, and 41 batteries were hauled to the Blue Mt. Recycling plant in Island City. The dump trucks also made five trips to the landfill. Trucks were contributed by Royal Rock Company, E&K Excavating

Co., and Bob Sheasly. About 240 tires were taken to Les Schwab Tire Company which accepted them as their support of the cleanup effort. This was about two thirds the number that was collected last year.

Larry Campbell's excavating company and Edwin Steiner also used their front end loaders to lift heavy items and compact the loads of metal. Several individuals donated their time, pickup trucks, and trailers to drive to individual homes where people had called for help with their trash. Over 21 households sought assistance in picking up everything from tree trimmings to hot tubs, Tree limbs, yard debris, and

discarded wood were heaped at the old gravel dump. Only one junker truck was taken away, but arrangements were made for up to seven others to be collected. About 25 people bagged litter in yellow bags along city streets and nearby roads. Some generous women even baked cookies for the workers.

Larry McLaughlin of the Dollar Corner Store provided free hamburgers, hot dogs, pastries, and sodas on that day. The lunch was enjoyed by perhaps 600 people including those working on the cleanup.

Kelly Skovlin, the chairman for the cleanup committee, said this was the third year for the community-wide cleanup. She noted there was less trash this year, but more people involved. The committee is sponsored by the Cove Community Association.

Elder Tales

by Shirley Peters

In his book, History of Elgin, Bernal Hug, Sr. adds at the end of his introduction, "When you have finished reading, please help ponder the following questions:

1. Why do we not insist on calling the bridge at the historic crossing of the river east of town the Fish Trap Bridge? and the hill beyond The Fish Trap Hill?
 2. Could we somehow have a fireproof place to place articles of the past that are fast slipping away--a local museum?
 3. We have an Indian Valley Lodge. Who will be the first to use the old names of Hunaha or Lochow Lochow as places of business?"
- Wouldn't Mr. Hug be pleased to know that these questions have been addressed, his thoughts come to

fruition? For I have never known the hill nor the bridge called anything other than Fish Trap, a local museum has been established; Hunaha is now the name of Elgin's RV Park and Lochow Lochow is a part of the museum's logo.

The Elgin Museum sponsors the program Elder Tales. Each month a gathering of long-time residents from north county (Elgin, Imbler Summerville, and surround), are encouraged to share their tales and memories of the past. These recorded stories are then transcribed and will eventually be in book form. Topics have included: H a l l o w e e n a n d Thanksgiving memories, sawmills and logging, saloons and dance halls, memorable winters, and area fires. Some folks bring photographs to share, and many have been donated by Fred Hill.

Anyone is invited to attend the gatherings, which have been held at Elgin Family Health Clinic as well as in private homes. For more information call Ron Brand at 437-7901 or Shirley Peters at 437-3456.

Elder Tales is continuing the tradition Bernal Hug, Sr. began when he gathered his own memories and stories of others into a compilation that will forever be a significant reference into the history of Elgin.

City Of Elgin

Notice Of Budget Committee Meeting

A public meeting of the City of Elgin, Union County, State of Oregon, on the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002 will be held at the City Hall, 180 N. 8th, Tuesday May 15, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and the budget document of the City. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after Tuesday May 15, 2001 at the City Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place.

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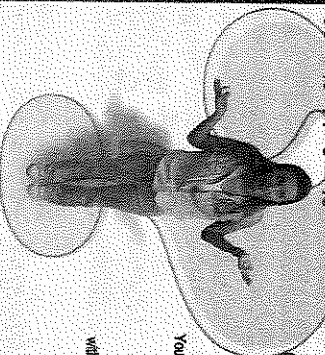
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